

Witness Name: Rob Murray
Statement No.:

PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF JERMAINE BAKER

Witness Statement of Rob Murray

I, Rob Murray, will say as follows:-

1. I make this statement following a request for additional information regarding our contact or consultation with the CPS prior to the operation on the 11th December 2015.
2. I did not consult with the CPS to seek early advice as to the evidential threshold. There was no need or requirement to do so and I would not have felt it to be useful to discuss evidential tipping points in speculative terms. While it was a resource heavy and complex operation, it appeared to me that this was a relatively simple or straightforward job in terms of the evidence required for conviction, particularly given the availability of evidence from the probe. Warrants and authorities had been sought and authorised by the relevant persons and there was no need in my view, for CPS early advice. If there had been a need for it, I would have sought it.
3. Whilst the elements of the offences under investigation were relatively simple, the firearms side of the operations handled by the TFCs, SFC and tactical advisor was well-resourced and painstakingly planned.
4. I did seek legal advice from the CPS pre-arrest on a number of occasions on other operations when the need or requirement arose. To my recollection this has only ever arisen in relation to Undercover Operations and International Letters of Request (ILOR). Assistance from the CPS would be required in these cases. I believe other SIOs, IOs and Case Officers at SCO7 did the same. I have never encountered CPS advice being given mid operation in circumstances such as Operation Ankaa.
5. In relation to Operation ANKAA, I recall contacting the CPS to establish who the CPS Charging Lawyer would be for the 11th December 2015 or the CPS Special Case Section (SCS) Charging List, in the event we required a charging decision for this operation. From my handwritten notes I believe I spoke with Jo Tang or was advised that the Charging Lawyer would be Jo Tang.
6. To assist me in making the statement I have had access to my Witness Statement (MPS0000097) and my handwritten notes (IPC0000408 and IPC0000409).

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief of its truth.

Signed:  _____

Dated: 18/05/21 _____